

## Our People



**Our faculty members** are some of the best clinicians, researchers, teachers, and leaders in our profession. We provide high-powered opportunities for you to learn career-long lessons from these dedicated professionals. All of our faculty and staff are eager to help you become the best women's health care provider you can be.

**Your fellow residents** are, just like you, dedicated to rewarding and meaningful careers in the practice of medicine. They come to Iowa from around the world, drawn here by a comprehensive training program, outstanding work environment, and the prospect of practice opportunities and further training afforded by their experiences here.

**Our patients** are also part of the training equation. They come to University of Iowa Health Care to receive the very best care from experts who are passionate about delivering it in a personable way. As Iowa's only academic medical center, we see a comprehensive mix of challenging cases and have the privilege to work with many cultures and languages.

One of the best ways to get familiar with a residency program is to hear what our current residents have to say about their experiences.

Our residents would welcome hearing from you directly, via email or through social media

View a [complete listing](#) of the department faculty.

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## Alumni

### 2018 Graduates

- Lydia Alexander, MD, Mercy, Iowa City, IA
- Evan Cohen, DO, University of Southern Florida, Tampa, FL
- Kathryn Huber-Keener, MD, PhD, Fellowship in Women's Health/Breast Fellowship, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Ashley Kaiser, MD, The Group, Davenport, IA
- Andreea Newton, MD, Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA

### 2017 Graduates

- Michael Haugsal, MD, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA

- Adrienne Mallen, MD, Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- Abigail Mancuso, MD, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Fellowship, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA
- Sarah Wernimont, MD, PhD, Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellowship, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA
- Heather Williams, MD, Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship, Augusta University, Augusta, GA

## 2016 Graduates

- Elyse Brock, MD, Huron Regional Medical Center, Huron, SD
- Whitney Cowman, MD, Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines, IA
- Michelle Krohn, DO, Black Hills ObGyn, Rapid City, SD
- Andrea O'Shea, MD, Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
- Eric Tyler, MD, Spokane OBGYN, Spokane, WA

## 2015 Graduates

- Adrienne Adams, MD, Private Practice, Chicago, IL
- Brian Kilonzo, MD, Private Practice, Genesis Health System, Silvis, IL
- Megan McDonald, MD, Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA
- Christine Okpala, MD, Private Practice, Women's Specialty Care, Las Vegas, NV
- Karla Solheim, MD, Private Practice, Partners in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Waterloo, IA

## 2014 Graduates

- Jean Hansen, DO, Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
- Erica Hofland, MD, Private Practice, Sanford Health, Dickinson, ND
- Joseph Kowalski, MD, Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA
- Amandeep Mahal, MD, Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship, Stanford University, Stanford, CA
- Lindsey Michaels, MD, Private Practice, Obstetrical & Gynecological Associates, Des Moines, IA

## 2013 Graduates

- Erin Eppsteiner, MD, Cooley Dickinson Health Care, Northampton, MA
- Rachel Mejia, DO, Fellow in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA (2015 to 2018)
- Kristin Orr, MD, Private Practice, Cedar Rapids OB Gyn Specialists, PC, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Jena Swanson, MD, CentraCare Health, Saint Cloud, MN
- Sarah Swift, MD, Private Practice, Bellin Hospital, Green Bay, WI

## 2012 Graduates

- Ryan Empey, MD, Private Practice, Granger Medical Clinic, West Jordan, UT
- Janna R. Girardi, MD, Medical Director of the Mercy Medical Center Healing Center, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Jennifer Steines, MD, Private Practice, Obstetrics & Gynecology Specialists, Davenport, IA
- Kristy Van Kirk, MD, Private Practice, Cheyenne Obstetrics and Gynecology, Cheyenne, WY

## 2011 Graduates

- Laura Bonebrake, MD, Private Practice, BJC Medical Group Offices, Ob/Gyn Associates, St. Louis, MO
- Kim Naruko-Stewart, MD, Private Practice, Obstetrics, Gynecology & Infertility, Maple Grove, MN
- Kelin Schultz, MD, Private Practice, Park Nicollet, Maple Grove, MN
- Jami Shepard, MD, Private Practice, OBGYN Associates of Iowa City & Coralville, Iowa City, IA

## 2010 Graduates

- Alison Agner, MD, Private Practice, Rocky Mountain OB-GYN, Denver, CO
- Jill Goodman, MD, Private Practice, OBGYN Associates of Iowa City & Coralville, Iowa City, IA
- Jessica Kresowik, MD, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics—Quad Cities Clinic, Davenport, IA
- Erin Lehman, MD, Private Practice, OB/GYN at Lakeview, West Des Moines, IA

## 2009 Graduates

- Dana Messenger, Private Practice, OB Gyn Associates, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Deb Piehl, Private Practice, OB Gyn Associates, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Alireza Shamshirsaz, completed Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship, Hartford, CT; now Faculty, Texas Children's Hospital, Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Maternal Fetal Medicine, Houston, TX
- Marissa Wisdom, Private Practice, Mid Dakota Clinic Center for Women, Bismarck, ND
- Aimee Young, Bayfront Health Port Charlotte, Port Charlotte, FL

## 2008 Graduates

- Danielle Berdahl, MD, Private Practice, Spearfish Regional Medical Clinic, Spearfish, MD
- Christina Broadwell, MD, University of Wisconsin, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, Madison, WI
- Susan Wing Lipinski, MD, Private Practice, Partners In OB/GYN, Waterloo, IA

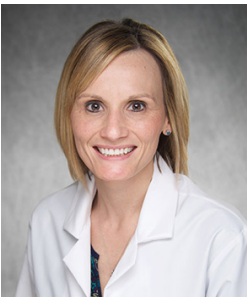
## 2007 Graduates

- Lori Day, MD, completed Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship at University of Iowa; now Faculty, University of Michigan Health System, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Ann Arbor, MI
- Micca Donohue, MD, Private Practice, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Gundersen Lutheran Clinic, Onalaska, WI
- Merida Miller, MD, Private Practice, Park Nicollet Clinic OB/GYN, Maple Grove, MN
- Anne Turcea, MD, Private Practice, Women's Care for the Commonwealth, Danville, KY

## Our Residents

### Fourth Year Residents

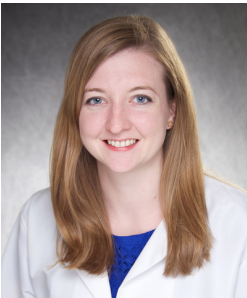
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**Tara Hoff, MD**

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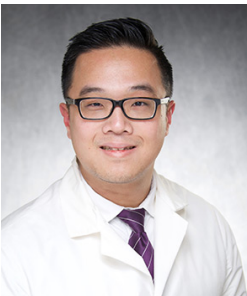
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**Courtney Kerestes, MD**

Medical School: University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City, IA

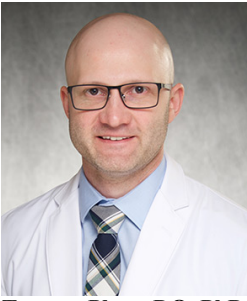
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**Edward Nguyen, MD, PhD**

Medical School: University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Oklahoma City, OK

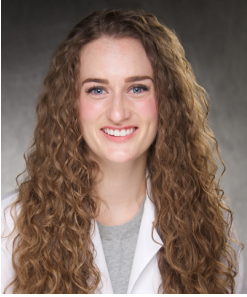
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**Trenton Place, DO, PhD**

Medical School: College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University, Downers Grove, IL

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**Marnie Terveen, MD**

Medical School: University of South Dakota, Sanford School of Medicine, Vermillion, SD

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## Third Year Residents

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**Rebecca Chung, MD**

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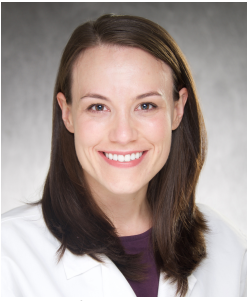
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**Jordan Mattson, MD**

Medical School: West Virginia School of Medicine, Morgantown, WV

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**Hope Richards, MD**  
Medical School: University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA

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**Vincent Wagner, MD**  
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**Heather Winn, MD**  
Medical School: Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA

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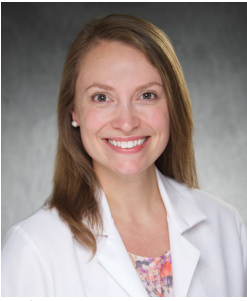
## Second Year Residents

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**Colette Gnade, MD**  
Medical School: University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City, IA

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**Leigh Hess, MD**

Medical School: Oregon Health and Science University of Medicine, Portland, OR

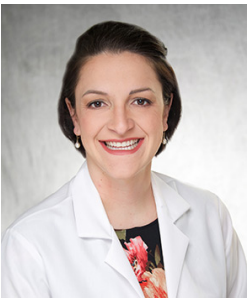
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Medical School: University of Texas School of Medicine at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

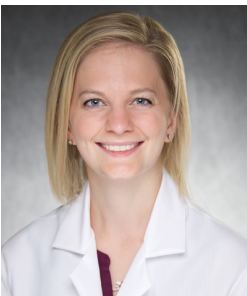
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**Keely Ulmer, MD**

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## First Year Residents

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Medical School: University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Cincinnati, OH

**Danielle Ikoma, MD**

Medical School: University of Illinois College of Medicine, Rockford, IL

**Shelby Lee, MD**

Medical School: Saint Louis University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO



**Laura Rasmussen, MD**

Medical School: University of South Dakota, Sanford School of Medicine, Sioux Falls, SD

**Noelle Waldschmidt, MD**

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## Departmental Chair



Welcome to the UI Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. We provide consultation, comprehensive treatment planning, and a broad range of services for patients with normal and high-risk pregnancies and for gynecology, including oncology and reproductive endocrinology.

Our comprehensive medical, surgical, and nursing services span the full spectrum of all obstetric and gynecologic patients at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Our faculty physicians and nurse midwives delivered about 1,850 babies and saw more than 59,000 outpatient visits this year. In addition to patient care the department is noted for its strong educational programs for medical students, residents, fellows, and practicing physicians. Basic and clinical research in reproductive medicine is an important departmental activity.

Approximately 1,600 patients are delivered annually. In keeping with the institution's tertiary care role, a large proportion represents complicated or high-risk conditions. The Labor-Delivery Suite and Maternal-Fetal Intensive Care Unit offered by [UI Maternity Center](#) is a state-of-the-art facility providing total care for the mother and her newborn. It incorporates both modern technological advances as well as [facilities](#) for the family-oriented approach to patient care.

The gynecologic oncology program is an integral unit of the [Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center](#) at the University of Iowa. Additional specialty areas include: genetics counseling, infertility, in-vitro fertilization, gynecologic urology, menopause, pelvic pain, premenstrual syndrome, prenatal diagnostics, and reproductive care.

We are dedicated to excellence in the education of medical students, residents, and fellows, as reflected by a competency-based curriculum that is designed to provide practitioners with comprehensive knowledge and outstanding skills. The clinical and research efforts of trainees are closely mentored and nurtured. Our graduates move on to successful careers in clinical practice and academic obstetrics and gynecology. We have ABOG accredited fellowship programs in Gynecologic Oncology, Maternal Fetal Medicine and Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility.

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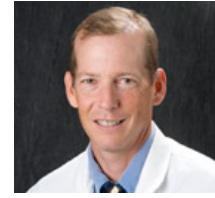
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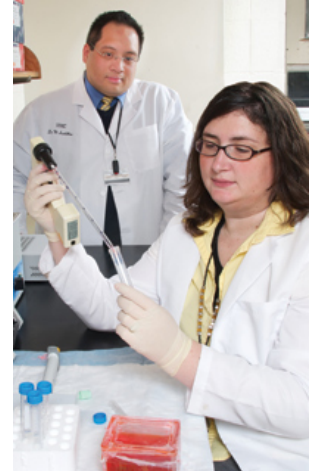
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## **Program Director**



Why Iowa? I returned to academic practice in 2000 at Iowa, having never lived here before. I am now proud to call the Hawkeye state my home. Iowa has a long history of equal rights and a strong education record. The University of Iowa Hospital is a remarkably collegial center for innovation and excellent clinical care. In the Iowa City area, we enjoy an extraordinary quality of life with excellent schools, parks, fine arts opportunities, and public recreation. The community is diverse, literate, and open. I have called many places home and can honestly say this is the best place I have ever lived.

A little bit about me: I am the mother of two grown daughters. My interests include gardening, reading, and cooking. I play piano and sing, and enjoy regular exercise. In 2010 I earned a Master of Medical Education degree from University of Iowa. I am active in the Iowa section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Our residents are trained in the depth and breadth of our specialty and are well-prepared to go on to fellowship, academic practice, or private practice. Our faculty are engaged and dedicated to teaching. About a quarter of our residents go on to fellowship. Those who go into private practice have mainly located in Iowa or adjacent or western states. Residents receive excellent experience in high risk obstetrics. Resident surgical experience includes minimally invasive gynecologic surgery and robotics and excellent gynecologic oncology and urogynecology experience. Residents receive full training in family planning including outpatient hysteroscopic sterilization. Residents rotate through our vulvar vaginal disease clinic and other niche clinics that add to their expertise. Our residents receive fundamentals of laparoscopic surgery (FLS) training and the opportunity for certification.



Residents work in collaborative practice with our nurse midwifery service, and can participate in Centering Pregnancy prenatal care. Residents are active in teaching student learners, and our resident teaching curriculum includes teaching development.

Our residents support each other and are there for each other, invaluable in a training program. They come to us from all over the nation and bring with them varied life experiences, which adds richness to our team.

We welcome your inquiries about our program, and I hope you will have occasion to visit us in Iowa--the Beautiful Land.